

for *R. leithii* it was, and it was there in its hundreds, and so I must now substitute the word *common* for the word *rare*.

The Matheran specimens were in breeding condition.

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19.—STRONG ODOUR EMITTED BY THE FUNGOID FROG (*RANA MALABARICA*).

In my articles on *Reptilia* and *Amphibia* I referred to *Rana malabarica* as the Fungoid Frog on account of the close resemblance of its colouring to one of the bark or wood attacking fungi. At the time when I gave it this name, I was not aware of its ability to enhance the camouflage by emitting a powerful fungoid odour. In most cases I had dealt with it in the open. When on a short visit to the Tansa Lake I found one of this species inhabiting the bathroom of the bungalow. I closed the doors of the room and tried to catch it. As soon as I chased it about I became aware of a strong fungus-like odour in the room: for a while I could not account for the smell. When I caught the animal the odour became stronger than ever, and so I immediately suspected the frog as the author of the scent. When I put it to my nose for confirmation, there remained no doubt. To make sure I asked my companions to verify my observations, they agreed that the frog did give out a strong smell.

The dorsal surface of *R. malabarica* is highly glandular; in this respect it is not the only species, and it will be interesting to know whether the other species are also capable of emitting an odour. In *R. malabarica* there appears to be little doubt that the odour coupled with its colouring and habits afford it protection from many a would-be enemy.

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20.—A RECORD MAHSEER.

(With a plate)

I enclose a photograph of a Mahseer I caught in the upper regions of the Cubbany River on 22-3-1946:—

Weight: 120 pounds.

Length: 66½ inches.

Girth: 41½ inches.

Mouth diameter: 10 inches.